



TALK IT OVER

A PLACE AT THE TABLE | PASTOR TROY STEIN

KEY SCRIPTURES

David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" ² Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "At your service," he replied. ³ The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." ⁴ "Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar." ⁵ So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. ⁶ When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied. ⁷ "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." ⁸ Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" ⁹ Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. ¹⁰ You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) ¹¹ Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's^[a] table like one of the king's sons. **2 Sam. 9:1-11**

START TALKING

Have you ever dropped something or someone before? (Please share)

Have you ever felt like someone dropped you OR let you down? Talk about how that experience impacted your faith.

START THINKING

Read 2 Samuel 9:1-11.

What would you have felt if you were Mephibosheth when he was summoned to appear before the king?

How do you think he felt to hear that the king wanted to honor him by giving him a permanent place at the king's table?

How does this story impact your faith? (Discuss)

START PRAYING

Jesus, we've been let down and it feels hopeless at times. Thank You for reminding us that you see us as valuable and important. Please help me to see others in the same light. In Your powerful Name, Amen.

START DOING

This week, ask God to enable you to show supernatural grace to someone who doesn't 'deserve' it.